

Subj: Question on 1779 NC bills
Date: 05/10/2004 3:20:49 PM Central Daylight Time
From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]

Eric,

You, like your masterful "The Early Paper Money of America," have been so helpful to my research in the past. I have a couple of quick questions about the \$100 bill issued by North Carolina in 1779. I have access to only one such specimen, one that is in pretty poor condition. I wanted to double-check with you on the "secret mark" on this particular bill. Is that mark considered to be a "Q" instead of an "O" in "Dollars" along the right-hand, obverse border inscription on that denomination? In looking at the bill, I detect what appears to be a tail on the "O" in "Dollars." Is that correct? Is this "Q" found on both genuine and counterfeit specimens? Lastly, since publishing your work, have you ever located other counterfeits of North Carolina's 1779 issue other than the \$100 and \$250?

Thanks, as always.

Best,
Neil

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--On Saturday, August 02, 2003 12:57 AM -0400 [REDACTED] wrote:

> Eric,
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> I figured if anyone had a comprehensive collection of those 1779
> bills, it would be you. In the coming weeks, if possible, I would
> like to discuss with you the possibility of getting images of some
> of your bills for our archives in the North Carolina Collection at the
> University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. I want to document
> visually the "secret" marks used by Walker on the various
> denominations. Also, as said, I am researching for a major
> article.

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> I assume the counterfeits you have are of the \$100 and \$250,
> right? You cite those in your book as being the only known
> counterfeit denominations of that particular issue. Of course, in
> making any records of your bills for the University Archives, or in
> using any images as possible illustrations in my developing
> article, you would be fully credited. Your "Early Paper Money of
> America" is already well cited in the first draft of my article. Again,
> I want to commend you on that fantastic work, Eric. Both in its

> national scope and in its impressive detail of colonial/state
> issues, your reference is an invaluable reference for anyone
> studying our early numismatic history (as if I need to tell you).
> Lord, it scrambles my brain to think how much work went into
> compiling and illustrating all that information.
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> With regard to my article, I hope to be finished with it (projected to
> be in final form around 55 pages) by late September or early
> October. I'll be back in touch. Thanks for the information.
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> Best,
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>> I believe I have examples of all of ther 1779 North Carolina bills
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>> counterfeit or so. Eric P. Newman
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